

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

PRAISE.

God is good, and He is to be praised for His goodness. His own infinite perfections render Him worthy of all adoration and praise. When we consider His supreme excellence and glory, and remember the relations we sustain to Him as His creatures, we must see the propriety of praising His great name and rendering to Him our grateful acknowledgments.

The hand of God is in the smallest event, as well as the greatest. These little events are essential to our comfort and happiness. Indeed, little comforts make the aggregate of our enjoyment, the sum total of human happiness.

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Our happiness depends mainly on little things, on well-adjusted trifles; and because these little things come so long in course and pass so smoothly, we notice them not. We trace them not to the hand of God, although their nice arrangement and their very smoothness are full of wonder, and speak most impressively, though silently, of the divine hand.

So the wonders of His providence lie, not in great, but in little things—those which make us happy without exciting our attention, those which speak not in thunder tones, but in a still small voice of God's goodness and love. What though there be no great deliverance to call forth our thankfulness, the stream of comforts on which our happiness depends has been flowing constantly onward, with its full and clear tide, and this should constrain us to "give thanks unto the Lord for He is good;" and to "praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

An Episcopal missionary in Minnesota reports that he has nine stations under his care, holds three services each Sunday, and five during the week, travels every ten or fifteen miles by rail, sixty by wagon, sixty afoot, and has a salary, all told, of \$519.00.

Dr. Samuel Merritt has given a lot worth \$10,000 to the St. Paul's Episcopal Society of Oakland, Cal.

The recent Indiana Episcopal Convention adopted a resolution declaring "its disapproval of the practice of raising money for church purposes by means of fairs, festivals, lotteries, tableaux, and private theatricals, and that it will use all proper means to discourage them."

A ritualistic wedding in St. John's Church, East Hartford, Conn., makes some small stir. The eucharist was administered, the wedding blessed, and the sign of the cross made over it and over the elements when administered; a procession was headed by a crucifix with a silver cross, lighted candles were employed, and white satin crosses and embroidery decked the ushers and rector.

The Rev. Phillips Brooks, at present the popular rector of Divinity (Episcopal) Church, Boston, has sailed again for Europe. He is the oldest of three promising brothers, all now in the ministry; the one next in age being settled in Cleveland, Ohio; the younger, who has just been ordained, is called to a church in Columbus, Ohio.

The Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., formerly Unitarian, has been ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church.

At the late meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the following resolutions were adopted: "That the General Theological Seminary is desirous of the education of candidates for holy orders, to the exclusion of all persons preparing either for any secular profession or for any religious office or work, other than that of the Christian ministry, as maintained by the Protestant Episcopal Church."

In all other Theological Seminaries, so far as we know, students of theology of other denominations than that conducting the Seminary are freely admitted.

The minutes of the Synod for the present year show that this body has eighty-seven churches, eighty-six ministers, and eight thousand five hundred and seventy-seven communicants; that during the year it has paid \$39,443.20 for pastors' salaries; has expended \$100,000 for the purchase of land; and has expended \$40,311.61. The number of students in attendance at the Theological Seminary, during the year, was seventeen.

An Episcopal "Church Guild" has been organized in Chicago, it supports a mission and a reading-room and will soon start a library.

By a late rule no student can study in the General Theological Seminary of New York unless he is pledged to fit for the Episcopal ministry.

METHODIST.

Rev. D. P. Rathbun, of Buena Vista, Pa., who recently lectured against Freemasonry, was subsequently seized by a party of six or eight men, who dragged him about forty rods, rode him upon a rail, plunged him into a mud-hole, and after otherwise maltreating him, poured spirits of turpentine upon his lacerated flesh.

To meet the cost of its new establishment in New York (\$900,000) the Book Concern issued coupon bonds, redeemable in fifteen years or sooner, and bearing interest payable semi-annually. The breeze about "irregularities" awakened distrust, and the bonds were for a time "flat." Lately, however, confidence has been resumed, and sales have already taken place to the amount of \$460,000.

Efforts are being made to induce Rev. Dr. Charles Taylor to resume the Presidency of the Kentucky Wesleyan University, which he resigned a short time ago.

Last week's Zion's Herald has an excellent picture of the "Orange Judd Hall of Natural Science," connected with the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. This magnificent benefaction of Mr. J. J. Judd is a handsome brownstone structure 63 feet front by 94 feet deep, and five stories high. It is fire-proof, and admirably adapted to its use. The exact cost is not yet known, but it will not be far from \$100,000.

publish a circular reminding those who receive it that before Dr. Newman was sent to New Orleans the Southern Methodists controlled the negro population, but did not allow them to hold property, govern their own churches, or ordain their ministers. They were told that it was honor enough to be made local preachers and stewards, and that no Bishop's hand would be laid in consecration of a woolly head. On Christmas day, 1865, Bishop Thompson organized the Mississippi Mission Conference, including Louisiana, and ordained fourteen colored preachers, with the same rights as the whites. These churches have prospered, and they appear to the colored people not to be ended by the alluring words of the evasive Southern Methodists.

The English Methodist Conference has been in session, and its late president offered a resolution in favor of multiplying Wesleyan day-schools. But under the lead of Rev. William Arthur they refused to give their support to state-aided schools, even though they were Wesleyan.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The New York Observer announces the return, on the 21st ultimo, of Rev. E. D. G. Prime, D. D., ("Eusebius") from his journey round the world. He was absent just one year.

The Memorial Fund Committee of the reformed Church are getting up a handsome certificate, to be presented to all who contribute five dollars or upward to the fund. It will be embellished with an emblematic reunion and a picture of the historical blending of the Assembly at Pittsburgh. The engraving will be executed by a bank note company, and printed on bank note paper.

Mrs. S. J. Child, who died on the 23d ult., bequeathed \$30,000 to Hamilton College. Her husband, who died a few years ago, gave \$30,000 to the same institution.

Rev. Dr. Ferris has retired from the Chancellorship of the University of New York.

A correspondent of the Pittsburgh Commercial writes of Col. Crockett, Ohio, says: "The Presbyterian minister is a member of the Town Council, and of the other nine corporation officials, no less than seven are members of his congregation."

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., has been far improved in health as to enable him to visit the mountains of Virginia, his favorite resort in former years.

The Rev. T. W. Hooper, of Christiansburg, Va., accepts a call to the Farmville Church, recently made vacant by the removal of Mr. McIlvaine to Lynchburg.

In the Beard Presbyterian Church, Kentucky, twenty were added to the church on a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ, and seventeen of them were baptized with pure water.

Quite a number of converts have been added to the Rev. Mr. Mully's church at Covington, Ky., lately.

The church at Charlotte, N. C., Mecklenburg Presbytery, has resolved to defray the expenses of sustaining a missionary for the region during one year.

The promised Presbyterian College in Iowa seems to have not yet bright prospects. The "Parsons' bequest" turns out to be largely in lands, of little value, and the heirs claim the right of annulling the location at Cedar Rapids; and, further, the subscription of \$100,000, which secured it to Cedar Rapids, is said to be partly fictitious.

The act of Parliament capitalized the incomes of the Irish ministry at so much, and four hundred ministers of the Presbyterian Church have already signed the commutation deed by which they give up their income from the State, so as to insure in its place a sustentation fund.

The Presbyterian church, West Farms, N. Y., finds after one year's experience, that it has received \$600 excess of contributions over any previous year.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The estate of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Emmons, at Franklin, Mass., is now occupied by Dean Academy, the new Universalist school, and one of the ablest and best appointed schools in the State.

S. D. Warren, Esq., has contributed \$10,000 towards the new Congregational Church at Chatham, Massachusetts.

The congregation of the Centre Church, Congregational, in Hartford, Connecticut, is said to be the richest of that denomination in the country, its estimated wealth being twelve millions of dollars.

The Congregational church in Baraboo, 70 members, has become Presbyterian, under the auspices of Rev. Smith Norton, who has been acting pastor for a year. On changing its polity, it immediately consolidated with the other Presbyterian churches, which took possession of its new and commodious house of worship, and moved into their bell and organ. Mr. Norton retires, and the Presbyterian pastor takes charge of the united church.

LUTHERAN.

The minutes of the last session of the Maryland Synod show that the total number of communicants is 13,831. The aggregate amount contributed by the churches to benevolent education was \$1407.47; to home missions, \$3539.85; to foreign missions, \$691.88; and to church extension, \$3900. Grand total, \$8909.15. The average contribution of each communicant was, therefore, a little less than 77 cents.

The Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church in the South has been located at Columbia, S. C., and Revs. A. R. Rude and J. P. Smetzer have been elected professors.

The Illinois Lutheran Synod is sending to the Missouri platform. It has passed a resolution calling on the General Council, at its next meeting, to pronounce distinctly on the four points of chiliasm, exchange of pulpits, open communion, and secret societies.

REFORMED.

The Japanese Government has determined to establish two schools in Japan for the education of the children of the foreign classes, and has called two Reformed (Dutch) missionaries, the Rev. S. K. Brown, D. D., and the Rev. G. F. Verbeck, to take charge of them. Both have consented, and will be in a most responsible position. Mr. Verbeck is already in Yeddo, engaged in his school.

The Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Colony is in trouble, having expelled, four years ago, two religious members for heresy. The judicial court and privy council have ordered that they be reinstated. The Church Synod has avoided the matter till this year, but will be compelled next October to meet the question. Four-fifths of the members wish the rationalists out of the synod, but a majority may vote to receive them back under protest.

UNIVERSALIST.

The Universalist centenary work is prospering in all the States except Illinois. The amount proposed to be collected in New York for the May day fund was \$25,000, but \$30,000 have been raised. This is exclusive of endowments for educational institutions in the State.

THE QUAKERS.

A committee of English Quakers have been making a missionary tour through the Shetland

Islands. They were warmly received not only by the fishermen and their families, but by the clergy. They held fourteen services in established kirks, thirteen in independent chapels, and twelve each in Free kirks and Methodist chapels.

CATHOLIC.

The Right Reverend Bishop Wood dedicated a new church in Paterson, N. J., recently. It is said to be the finest church in that State. The estimated cost is \$200,000. Rev. Father McNulty is the pastor. Rev. Father Byrne, of Camden, preached the dedication sermon.

On Tuesday, July 26, the Rt. Rev. T. Mullen, Bishop of Erie, conferred Clerical Tonsure and Minor Orders, in St. Michael's Seminary Chapel, on the following students: Messrs. Joseph Bohm, P. Orlatolan, Edward Hanes, Bernard McDonough, and Hugh McKeefery. On the following day Messrs. Joseph Subr, James Byrne, George Alman, P. Thurheimer, Joseph Bohm, Edward Hanes, P. Orlatolan, Bernard McDonough, and L. Shayer received Subdiaconship. On Thursday morning the Rt. Rev. Prelate raised to the order of Deaconship Messrs. Joseph Subr, George Alman, Joseph Bohm, P. Thurheimer, P. Orlatolan, Bernard McDonough, Edward Hanes, and L. Shayer. On Friday morning Messrs. Subr, Alman, Bohm, Orlatolan, Thurheimer, and McDonough were raised to the dignity of the Priesthood. Of these gentlemen, Rev. Bernard McDonough was ordained for the Diocese of Albany, and Rev. L. Shayer for the Benedictine Order. Mr. Hugh McKeefery is from the Diocese of Richmond.—Pittsburgh Catholic.

On Sunday, 31st ult., the Rt. Rev. Bishop Becker, in his Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter's, Wilmington, Delaware, raised to the dignity of Priesthood the Rev. Father Lyons.

A letter from Pere Hyacinthe protesting against the declaration of the dogma of Papal infallibility has appeared, and caused a sensation. The Catholic organs attack the letter and its author with much bitterness.

SUMMER RESORTS.

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